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October 31, 2013

MISSOULA – If you are a Montana high school teacher or student with interests in environmental issues or international affairs, you could be among 20 students and two teachers supported by the U.S. Department of State for an all-expenses-paid trip to Cambodia.

The State Department has renewed a \$190,000 grant to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana to implement the American Youth Leadership Program in Cambodia for 2014. Following the success of the 2013 program, AYLP Cambodia will focus on environmental issues and climate change, as well as leadership development and community service.

The grant pays all expenses for two teachers to travel on the program. While the emphasis is on international affairs and the environment, the program looks for the right instructors to engage in such a challenging experience, regardless of their educational specialties.

The funding also covers travel for 20 high school students ages 15 to 17 who are looking to experience another culture and learn about the environmental issues facing both Cambodia and Montana. Upon returning home, students will put their new knowledge and skills into action by spearheading service projects in their communities.

Applications for teachers are due Nov. 12, and student applications are due Nov. 15.

"We're looking for the leaders of tomorrow," said Deena Mansour, Mansfield Center associate director. "Our first successful cohort proved that the best candidates for this experience are those open to new challenges and experiences, those who truly respect others and those ready to come home to use their experience to make their world a better place."

"Since coming back from Cambodia, I have so much more confidence in myself and in what I want to do in the future," said Andie Palagi, a student participant from Butte. "The program really helped me find what I'm passionate about, and now I'm seriously considering going into the field of international development. I fell in love with Cambodia."

In Cambodia, the group will study cultural and environmental issues in the capital city of Phnom Penh, as well as neighboring beaches and forests, the agricultural hub of Battambang and the ancient temple complex at Siem Reap. They will compare and contrast the many environmental issues affecting both Montana and Cambodia in areas such as mining, logging and ecotourism. While cultural exchange is interwoven throughout the program, students will stay with Cambodian host families in Battambang and Siem Reap for full-immersion into Cambodian life.

"The program is a true people-to-people exchange," Mansour said. "Far from being isolated on a tour bus, the Montana group will be immersed in Cambodian society and learn together with Cambodian students and educators. They need to be ready to eat rice three times a day with a Cambodian family, take an occasional bucket shower in rural areas and thrive in the heat of the tropics with an occasional dip in the ocean or river. While there are challenges, our 2013 participants will tell you that the Cambodians are incredibly friendly and made the Montanans' comfort and enjoyment a priority."

Known to Americans for its ancient heritage and involvement in the U.S. war with Vietnam, Cambodia is one of the fastest-growing tourism destinations in the world. In addition to environmental issues, the group will learn about Cambodian culture, society and history. A highlight of the program will be a visit to the World Heritage Site of the Angkor Archaeological Park, which contains the majestic remains of the capitals of the Khmer Empire, which dated from the ninth through 15th centuries.

"I valued the opportunity to travel to a new country and to travel with a different purpose," Corvallis high school teacher Allison Neils-Lemoine said. "It was interesting and enjoyable to be traveling with such a rich itinerary with a program with diverse goals."

"The opportunity to travel internationally and meaningfully integrate into another culture is a life-changing experience, but unfortunately it's usually out of reach for most Montana youth," project manager Kelsey Stamm said. "We are excited to offer this opportunity again for 2014 and hope that students and teachers across the state apply. It is likely that this will be the final Cambodia program opportunity for Montana."

AYLP is designed to advance mutual understanding between the people of the United States and of other countries, prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens, spark an interest in learning about foreign cultures and develop a cadre of Americans with cultural understanding who are able to advance international dialogue and compete effectively in the global economy. The Cambodia program is one of seven AYLP programs.

The Mansfield Center promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia, and ethics and public affairs in the spirit of longtime U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield, and his wife, Maureen.

“This program complements the suite of activities offered by the Mansfield Center to communities across our state,” Mansour said. “We’re pleased that the State Department has supported us in our efforts to offer exchange opportunities to professionals, to University students and now to high school students.”

More information and applications can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield> or by calling Stamm at 406-243-2838.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will interview four candidates for the position of School of Law dean in coming weeks. Each meeting will feature a presentation given by the candidate on the topic of “UM School of Law’s Role in Legal Education’s Future” followed by a public Q-and-A forum.

The candidates are Robert Ackerman, professor of law at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit; Norman Bay, director of the Office of Enforcement for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., and a pro bono member of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions; Oren Griffin, associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor of law at Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Ga.; and Andrew King-Ries, professor at UM’s School of Law in Missoula.

The UM School of Law dean is responsible for implementing the school’s mission by promoting excellence in teaching, scholarship and service; developing and maintaining supportive relationships with alumni, legal and business communities and tribal, state and federal governments; working effectively with the School of Law’s faculty, staff and students; managing its budget; and executing School of Law affairs in accordance with all applicable laws, accreditation requirements, and Board of Regents and University policies.

“After an extensive national search, UM Provost Perry Brown has identified four exemplary finalists for interviews,” said Roberta Evans, dean of UM’s Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences and chair of the search committee. “Each individual brings a distinct perspective, blending backgrounds in impressive legal practice with academic achievements, and each one is eager to discuss the future of legal education with the many high-caliber faculty, students, staff and administrators in our School of Law. As a committee, we are very pleased to introduce these candidates to campus colleagues as well as to the esteemed members of the Montana Bar Association and Judiciary.”

Public forums will be held on campus and are scheduled for:

- **Friday, Nov. 1** – Robert Ackerman, 3:30-4:30 p.m., School of Law Room 215.
- **Monday, Nov. 4** – Andrew King-Ries, 3-4 p.m., School of Law Room 201.
- **Friday, Nov. 8** – Norman Bay, 3-4 p.m., School of Law Room 215.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 13** – Oren Griffin, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., School of Law Room 215.

Ackerman has been a professor of law at Wayne State University Law School since 2008. Previous positions include Wayne State University Law School dean and professor, Pennsylvania State University’s Dickinson School of Law professor, Willamette University College of Law dean and professor and The Dickinson School of Law associate dean for institutional programs and planning. Prior to holding the position of associate dean at The Dickinson School of Law at Penn. State, Ackerman taught law at the school since 1983. Ackerman earned a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colgate University.

King-Ries is a professor at UM’s School of Law and has taught law at UM since 2002. Previously he held visiting assistant professor positions at Golden Gate University School of Law, Xiamen University School of Law and Seattle University School of Law. Before beginning his teaching career he worked as a deputy prosecutor for the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in Seattle, served as a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis and was a speech writer for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. King-Ries earned a juris doctorate degree from Washington University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University.

Bay has been the director of the Office of Enforcement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., since 2009. In August, he was appointed as a pro bono member of NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, which determines whether violations of NCAA Bylaws have occurred and imposes appropriate sanctions. Previously Bay was a professor of law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, was a U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico and also was an assistant U.S. Attorney in Albuquerque, N.M. Bay earned a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College.

Griffin currently is the associate dean for academic affairs and an associate professor of law at Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law. He has taught at the school since 2006. Before joining Mercer University, he worked as a labor and employment attorney at the firm of Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP, where he was a partner, and also at Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC. Griffin earned a juris doctorate degree from Washington and Lee University’s School of Law; a doctorate degree from the University of Iowa; a master’s degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern University at New Orleans.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana art history and criticism Professor H. Rafael Chacon will present a talk titled “The Centrality of the Figure in Early Modern Art” at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in the Masquer Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM.

Chacon’s talk is offered in support of exhibitions by major 19th- and early 20th-century artists organized by the Montana Museum of Art & Culture titled “Figurative Modernists: Picasso, Chagall and other Masterpieces from a Private Collection” and “Modernist Prints.”

“Rather than disappearing into the void of abstraction, the human figure continued to express humanity’s deepest questions and remained a fertile arena for artists exploring a range of modernist preoccupations that often transcended formal concerns,” Chacon said.

The exhibitions continue in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the PAR/TV Center through Feb. 8, 2014.

“Figurative Modernists: Picasso, Chagall and other Masterpieces from a Private Collection” focuses on the soul-stirring power of the figure. Included are works by Jean Arp, Maria Blanchard, Marc Chagall, Giorgio De Chirico, Sonia Delaunay, Leon De Smet, Barbara Hepworth, Fernand Leger, Andre Masson, Jean Metzinger, Pablo Picasso and Georges Rouault. The exhibition examines Modernism as an interdisciplinary endeavor that links music, dance, opera, the visual arts and literature.

“We bring art of this caliber to UM for students, Montanans and visitors. It’s an incredible opportunity to experience world-class art,” said Barbara Koostra, director of MMAC.

“Modernist Prints” illustrates the intersection of the visual and literary arts. The exhibition combines selections from the MMAC Permanent Collection with select loans to highlight rare etchings and lithographs by Chagall, Le Corbusier, Aristide Maillol, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Rouault and Jean Signovert, among others. Many of the selections are by Modernist artists who worked with famous publishers and authors such as Ambrose Vollard, Fernand Moulot and Henry Kahnweiler, to create original artworks for literary publications.

Upcoming lectures and exhibition tours include:

- Montana Museum of Art & Culture in collaboration with the President’s Lecture Series presents Stephanie D’Alessandro, the Gary C. and Frances Comer Curator of Modern Art at the Art Institute of Chicago, on Picasso, Matisse and the 1913 Armory Show in Chicago, at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in the University Center Ballroom.
- H. Rafael Chacon, UM professor of art History and criticism, will offer a tour of the Meloy Gallery at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3.
- Brandon Reintjes, MMAC curator of art, will offer a tour of the Meloy and Paxson galleries at 12:10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

Participation for each tour is limited to 28 people. RSVP by calling 406-243-2019.

MMAC hours during the academic year are from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday; and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

For more information, call MMAC at 406-243-2019 or visit the museum’s website at

<http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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MISSOULA – The 19th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will be on display Nov. 7-Dec. 5 in the Gallery of Visual Arts at the University of Montana. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, with an awards presentation at 6 p.m.

The exhibition, presented by the UM School of Art Gallery of Visual Arts and the student-run UM Artist Collective, features a diverse array of media and style by undergraduate and graduate students of all levels. The artist collective, an Associated Students of UM organization, works with the gallery to organize the annual exhibit. According to Gallery Director Cathryn Mallory, for many students the annual exhibition is the first opportunity to exhibit work in a professional gallery.

The students invite an art professional not associated with the University to serve as the juror who selects the works to be exhibited and designate awards. This year's juror is Jay Schmidt, a Bozeman artist and retired art professor from Montana State University.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and by appointment only on Mondays. The gallery is located on the first floor of the UM Social Science Building. All events and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

More information about the UM School of Art and Gallery of Visual Arts is online at <http://www.umt.edu/art>.

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October 29, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Irish Studies Program and School of Music join with Humanities Montana, the Friends of Irish Studies and Culture Ireland to present “The Music and Song of Ireland” concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in UM’s Music Recital Hall. The concert is part of a five-concert series which aims to examine Irish music. Each concert in the series will be performed in Missoula and Butte.

This concert features Paidi Mharthain, Mac Gearailt and Meabh Ni Bheaglaoich. The musicians will play first in Missoula and again in Butte at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Montana Tech Library Auditorium.

“The performers, while coming from families who have long been the hereditary custodians of Irish music and song, represent different streams of that rich tradition,” said Traolach O’Riordain, director of UM’s Irish Studies Program.

The Bheaglaoich family traditionally has provided music for the social life of the community of west Kerry, Ireland. Mharthain tells the history of his people, including those who came to Montana, and he is no stranger to a Montana audience. The Gearailt family tells the story of their people through song.

“In the Irish language you tell a song, not sing it, so the song you told had to contain a story,” O’Riordain said.

Tickets cost \$20 for the general public; \$15 for students and Friends of Irish Studies members; and children under 12 get in free. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.umt.edu/griztix/> and <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/>. Tickets for the Missoula concert can be purchased at the UM Adams Center, The Source in the University Center, the UM School of Music, Southgate Mall and at Rockin Rudy’s. Tickets for the Butte concert can be purchased at the Butte-Silver Bow Archives, Cavanaugh’s County Celtic and Granite Mountain Bank.

For more information visit <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/>, call O’Riordain at 406-544-0311 or email traolach.oriordain@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



October 29, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana students are invited to complete the Safe Campus Survey at <http://www.umt.edu/SafeCampusSurvey>.

The survey will provide the University with needed information about knowledge, attitudes, program use and experiences of UM students.

"This can be very helpful to the campus community and may help with the development of effective programs and in creating positive change in sexual and interpersonal violence," said psychology Professor Christine Fiore, who leads the survey effort. "The summary findings also will be made available to the Department of Justice and Office of Civil Rights and may help other schools learn from us as well."

The survey should be completed by all UM and Missoula College students who attend classes, either full or part time in the current academic year. The survey is voluntary, but a higher response rate will more accurately represent the student population.

Students who complete the survey have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win one of two \$500 Amazon gift cards, one of three \$100 Amazon gift cards, one of two \$50 Amazon gift cards or one of 20 \$5 campus coffee cards.

Some faculty members also will offer extra credit or research credit to students who complete the survey. Students can check with professors to see if this is a possibility. In order to receive credit, instructions at the end of the survey guide students to print off a participation confirmation. This confirmation page is not connected to responses.

The surveys are anonymous, and each will take about 25 to 40 minutes to complete. The completion time will vary based on student experiences.

"Because we are asking about sexual experiences, some of the questions may make students uncomfortable or distressed," Fiore said. "Throughout the survey, the numbers for UM's Student Advocacy Resource Center and Curry Health Center Counseling Services are made available."

The survey is one component of the agreement between UM and the Department of Justice. Fiore said this is not the first time UM students have been surveyed on such experiences. Sociology faculty members Jim Burfeind and Dan Doyle administered a similar survey in 1994, and Dustin Hollist of sociology administered another in 2007.

"Because some of the new survey uses some of the original questions, we will be able to compare our findings to earlier surveys," Fiore said.

To request more information about this questionnaire or the study, call Fiore at 406-243-2081 or email christine.fiore@umontana.edu.

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October 28, 2013

MISSOULA – Associate Professor Cara Nelson, who teaches restoration ecology and directs the Wildland Restoration Program at the University of Montana, was elected chairwoman of the Society for Ecological Restoration at their world conference in Madison, Wis., earlier this month.

This international science-based organization has members in more than 70 countries, hosts annual world conferences and publishes the journal Restoration Ecology. In this two-year-long appointment, Nelson will assist the society in its mission to advance the science of restoration ecology and improve the quality of restoration practice.

“With more than \$81 billion invested in ecological restoration in the United States each year, there is a critical need for better integration of science and management,” she said. “My position as chair of SER puts UM at the forefront of advancing restoration science and practice and will facilitate participation by UM faculty and students in national and international restoration initiatives.”

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October 28, 2013

MISSOULA – The College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana will host a lecture by Char Miller, an expert on U.S. environmental history and politics and federal public lands management. Miller will deliver “Cutting Through the Past: Foresters and Conservation at the University of Montana” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the North Underground Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Miller directs the Environmental Analysis Program at Pomona College and serves as the W.M. Keck Professor of Environmental Analysis. He is a Senior Fellow at the Pinchot Institute for Conservation and author of the column “Golden Green,” which addresses environmental issues in California and the West. Miller was the former history department chairman and director of urban studies at Trinity University in Texas.

His talk will position UM's forestry college within the larger development of forest and environmental management in the United States, which has evolved over the last century. Miller will use historic images to illustrate some of the key moments of transition and will address some of this century's new environmental tensions and social challenges.

Following the lecture, Miller will sell and sign his most recent books, which include “Seeking the Greatest Good: The Conservation Legacy of Gifford Pinchot,” “Public Lands, Public Debates: A Century of Controversy” and “Gifford Pinchot and the Making of Modern Environmentalism.”

Miller's lecture is one in a series of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the College of Forestry and Conservation at UM. The school officially was formed in 1913 by the Montana Legislature after first starting in 1909 as a ranger school to train new Forest Service employees.

Miller also will give a seminar to UM Global Leadership Initiative students and to forestry graduate students.

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Note to Media: Miller will be available for interviews on Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8. Call Leana Schelvan, UM College of Forestry and Conservation communications director, at 406-243-6693 to arrange interviews.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Department of Educational Leadership presented the Education Leadership Excellence Award to UM alumna Lynette Chandler on Oct. 17.

Chandler, a member of the Aaniiih and Nakoda tribes, is the founder of the White Clay Language Immersion School near the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in **Harlem**. At one time, only a handful of people spoke the White Clay language, but through Chandler's revitalization and preservation efforts, hundreds are fluent in the language today.

Chandler received the award at a reception held during the Montana Conference of Education Leadership in Billings.

The Educational Leadership Excellence Award was established in October 2000 to honor outstanding UM alumni. Faculty from UM's Department of Educational Leadership review nominations and select a winner based on significant contributions to education through their vision and action.

"Lynette is truly innovative and insightful," said John Matt, chairman of the department. "She embodies outstanding leadership and success. We are proud to count her among our alumni."

Francis O'Reilly, assistant professor of UM's Department of Educational Leadership and the chairwoman of Chandler's dissertation, presented the award and lauded Chandler's work as an educational leader. Al Chandler, Lynette's father-in-law, also spoke about the tremendous importance of education for Native people.

"Study hard, be prosperous and be generous," Al Chandler remembered being told as a youth, and he recognized Lynette's diligent efforts for the community in the context of education. "Education is the new buffalo," he said, noting that education is as important now as buffalo were to Native people in the past.

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UM NEWS



October 25, 2013

MISSOULA – Montana professionals recently welcomed 10 economic empowerment leaders from Southeast Asia participating in the U.S. Department of State's Professional Fellows Program. The program brings emerging leaders from around the world to the U.S. for intensive fellowships designed to broaden their professional expertise.

The program was arranged by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana, which will host Fellows from Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam in Montana through Nov. 3. They are being hosted throughout Montana, including Helena, Missoula, Polson, Ronan and Whitefish.

The program supports international cooperation and builds networks of people and organizations working on critical issues worldwide. Participants learn one another's social, economic, political and cultural structures; share their professional interests; and create long-lasting partnerships.

The Fellows support the internationalization of their U.S. host organizations, as well as their host communities. In January, the Montana Fellows will travel to Southeast Asia to reinforce new partnerships and opportunities.

Montana organizations hosting Southeast Asian participants this fall include business, government and nongovernmental organizations. Area partners include the Montana Community Development Corporation, the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center and the Jefferson Local Development Corporation. The Fellows arrived in Montana on Oct. 4.

Amita Patel Greer, director of business advising at Montana Community Development Corp. in Missoula, currently hosts Ty Ratana, a project director from a grassroots NGO that provides microloans to poor provinces in northeast Cambodia.

"Our business model of how we alleviate poverty and build entrepreneurship is something that many Southeast Asian economic development organizations would be interested in," Greer said. "We appreciate the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences of fostering entrepreneurship in a big and rural area, such as that in Cambodia."

"The Mansfield Center has been honored to host a range of State Department programs that support the people of Montana as they compete in the global arena," said Deena Mansour, associate director of the Mansfield Center. "In 2013, our programs have supported not only Montana professionals, but also students K-12 as well as university-level. Our mission is to expand global partnerships in the areas that Montanans care about, such as economic development. The relationships established during the program reap tangible benefits for communities throughout Montana."

The Mansfield Center is one of 16 U.S.-based organizations chosen this year to host foreign professionals from more than 40 countries and territories worldwide. The program culminates in a three-day Professional Fellows Congress, which will be held Nov. 6-8 in Washington, D.C. During the event, participants will gather to design real-world solutions and projects they can implement in their home communities and institutions.

The Mansfield Center promotes better understanding of U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of former U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield and his wife, Maureen. The center houses programs that focus on the people and cultures of modern Asia and ethics in public affairs – the core interests and hallmarks of Sen. Mansfield's career.

The Economic Empowerment Program continues in 2014, when 28 new Southeast Asian Fellows arrive in Montana. The Mansfield Center is seeking interested fellowship hosts and organizations to become part of the program. For more information visit <http://www.exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/professional-fellows-economic-empowerment-program> and <http://umt.edu/mansfield/EconomicEmpowermentProject/>.

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UM NEWS



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October 25, 2013

MISSOULA – Space ships crashing to earth – an alien invasion – a battle for the planet. On Oct. 30, 1938, Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" broadcast caused panic, frightened some listeners and entertained others around the country.

Exactly 75 years later, Montana Public Radio will pay homage to this epic event in radio history with a live re-creation of the broadcast starting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30. The cast includes favorite MTPR voices such as Terry Conrad, William Marcus, Annie Garde, Michael Marsolek and Gus Chambers. University of Montana Radio-TV Professor Ray Ekness, a "War of the Worlds" enthusiast, will direct the production.

Marcus, who plays the original Orson Welles character of Professor Pierson, says, "We're not actors, but we do know how to use our voices. For us, the fun thing about this is that we're doing it live, sound effects and all."

After the original-script program, the cast will present a special Montana version of the science fiction classic, written by Ekness, with the Martians invading western Montana.



MTPR serves western and central Montana and is a public service of UM. For frequency information and or to listen online, visit <http://mtp.org>.

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UM NEWS



October 24, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana students and faculty conducting research on Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" have an exceptional new resource available through the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. The library recently acquired a detailed facsimile of the Ellesmere Manuscript, a beautiful, illuminated edition produced in the early 15th century.

The manuscript, originally commissioned by an unknown artistic patron between 1400 and 1405, now resides at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif. The Mansfield Library purchased the limited-edition, deluxe facsimile for \$8,000, supported by donations to the library's Archives & Special Collections Department in memory of Mabelle Hardy, the library's Lucia B. Mirrielees Fund and the Friends of the Davidson Honors College Opportunity Fund.

The facsimile allows students and researchers to engage with the most important manuscript of "The Canterbury Tales" in a form that reflects the original as closely as possible. Combining the best of the old and the new, the facsimile features high-resolution photographic reproduction supplemented by authentic 24-karat-gold letter gilding to emulate the look and feel of the medieval manuscript.

UM English Professor Ashby Kinch, who teaches British literature and the Chaucer seminars, said the original manuscript was produced by 10 to 12 people.

"One scribe, speculatively identified as Adam Pynkhurst, wrote the entire manuscript," Kinch said. "But all of the other major design components would have been executed by other people. Three different limners – or border artists – worked on the Ellesmere, and at least three portrait artists; but somebody also had to supervise the work, including preparing the parchment from calfskin, ruling the pages and designing the page."



Students taking an honors seminar in Chaucer this semester already have viewed the manuscript, which is the newest addition to the library's surprisingly robust collection of Chauceriana.

The development of the Chaucer collection has been supported by the Lucia B. Mirrielees Fund, which honors Professor Mirrielees, who taught Chaucer in the English Department from 1924 to 1949. It includes the oldest complete book in the library, an edition of "The Canterbury Tales" printed by John Stowe in 1561 and donated by Richard Merritt, as well as a reproduction of the Hengwrt Chaucer manuscript of "The Canterbury Tales," which was produced slightly before the Ellesmere and used the same scribe.

"This acquisition bolsters what is already an excellent collection of Chaucerian material," Kinch said. "For a rural state university to have such a rich body of primary-source material on this singularly important author in the English poetic tradition should be a real point of pride for Montanans."

The Chaucer collection is housed in the library's Archives & Special Collections Department. For more information email Archivist Donna McCrea at donna.mccrea@umontana.edu, call Kinch at 406-243-4462 or email ashby.kinch@umontana.edu.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: McCrea will be available only by email Monday through Thursday, Oct. 28-31. Please set up time for an on-camera interview on Friday, Oct. 25, or after Oct. 31.

Photo chaucer1: The Ellesmere Manuscript facsimile. Photo by Todd Goodrich

Photo chaucer2: UM English Professor Ashby Kinch talks with students in the Archives & Special Collections Department at the Mansfield Library. Students in the honors Chaucer seminar recently viewed the newly acquired Ellesmere Manuscript facsimile during class. Photo by Todd Goodrich

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UM NEWS

October 23, 2013

MISSOULA – In honor of Food Day, a nationwide celebration and movement for healthy, affordable and sustainable food on Oct. 24, University of Montana President Royce Engstrom will sign the Real Food Campus Commitment on behalf of the University. By signing the RFCC, colleges and universities pledge to buy at least 20 percent “real food” annually by 2020.

The commitment is designed and administered by the national organization, The Real Food Challenge. It aims to support a healthy food system that is “community-based, ecologically sound, fair and humane.” The pledge specifically details the types of purchases that fall into a “real food” category, including food that is locally produced within 150-250 miles of campus, and food items such as cage-free eggs, grass-fed beef and organic produce.

The RFCC directs the University to establish a Food Systems Working Group that consists of students, staff and faculty who are responsible for developing and coordinating the implementation of a “real-food” policy and multiyear action plan that will guide the University toward increased purchases of “real food.” This initiative will augment and complement the ongoing efforts of UM’s Farm to College Program, which has been purchasing local foods for UM during the past decade.

UM Dining will host a local-food Farm Stand from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, in the Corner Store to celebrate local foods and the signing of the commitment. ASUM President Asa Hohman, UM Dining Director Mark LoParco and UM Dining Director of Sustainability and Food Procurement Ian Finch will add their signatures to the commitment at noon during the same event.

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UM NEWS



October 22, 2013

MISSOULA – The Mansfield Library at the University of Montana is celebrating Open Access Week with the recent launch of UM ScholarWorks, a new service for preserving, showcasing and making freely available the intellectual and creative scholarship of UM's faculty, students and staff.

Open Access Week, a global event held Oct. 21-27, celebrates the movement toward making scholarly publications available online to everyone with minimum restrictions. UM ScholarWorks, which was launched this semester, will include a wide variety of scholarly content such as journal articles, theses and dissertations, student research, books, book reviews, presentations, posters, technical reports, performances and University publications.

ScholarWorks is a search engine optimized for online discovery, making UM's scholarship highly visible and easy to find, cite, share and use. It helps increase the reach and impact of UM scholarship while providing monthly download data to authors. The system also serves as a journal publication platform, including tools that allow editors to manage the entire publication process – from submissions to peer review to final publication.

"ScholarWorks will aggregate and highlight the depth and breadth of UM's scholarship for a global audience," said Wendy Walker, Mansfield Library digital initiatives librarian and assistant professor. "The scholarship in ScholarWorks provides evidence for the integrity and quality of the academic programs and research opportunities at UM."

The ScholarWorks team at the Mansfield Library has just begun building the collections in the system and will increase outreach over the coming months to gather more content from the UM community.

"ScholarWorks has been live for only a month, and there already have been 89 full-text downloads of faculty papers," Walker said.

For more information visit <http://scholarworks.umt.edu/>, call Walker at 406-243-6004 or email wendy.walker@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



October 22, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana President's Lecture Series will present a seminar and lecture by environmental scientist and Guggenheim Fellow Rafe Sagarin on Monday, Oct. 28.

Sagarin's seminar, "Observation and Trust: Rethinking Environmental Science and Law for a Complex World," will be held from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. His evening lecture, titled "Learning from the Octopus: How Observations of Nature are Transforming Science and Society," will be held at 8 p.m. in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. Both events are free and open to the public.

Sagarin is an associate scientist with the Institute of the Environment and a marine ecologist and environmental policy analyst at the University of Arizona. He brings his science background to the study of environmental philosophy and history, and is a leading figure in the shift in science from experimental to observational methods.

He previously taught at Duke University, California State University-Monterey Bay and the University of California-Los Angeles. At the University of Arizona, Sagarin studies responses of marine communities and wetlands to climate change, illegal fishing and pollution. He uses unusual data sets from writers, naturalists, artists and gamblers to reassemble historical patterns of ecosystem change.

He also directs a research group which uses biological evolution as a guide for improving societal security systems. In 2008, he co-edited the group's book "Natural Security: A Darwinian Approach to a Dangerous World," which applies lessons from nature to problems of global terrorism, infectious diseases and natural disasters.

Sagarin received a Guggenheim Fellowship in support of two books published in 2012: "Learning from the Octopus" and "Observation and Ecology, Broadening the Scope of Science to Understand a Complex World." He also worked as a Geological Society of America Fellow in the office of U.S. Rep. Hilda Solis. His work has appeared in Science, Nature, Conservation Biology, Ecological Monographs, Trends in Ecology and Evolution, Foreign Affairs and more.

Sagarin's evening lecture is the annual Brennan Guth Memorial Lecture and is presented in collaboration with the UM School of Business Administration and the College of Forestry and Conservation.

The President's Lecture Series at UM consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the series, visit <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/> or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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UM NEWS



October 22, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research recently won the national 2013 Website Award of Excellence for BBER's redesigned website, <http://www.bber.umt.edu>.

The Association for University Business and Economic Research presented the award at its recent conference in Richmond, Va. AUBER is the professional association of business and economic research organizations at public and private universities and is comprised of 100 leading economic research centers.

"We're proud to see our website recognized as outstanding among our peers nationally," said BBER Director Patrick Barkey. "Providing online access to BBER's wealth of economic research is key to the role we play helping businesses in particular – and the Montana economy as a whole – succeed."

Re-launched in September 2013, the bureau's new website provides research studies, articles and data covering diverse topics related to Montana's economy, including energy, health care, housing, forest products, manufacturing, agriculture, entrepreneurship, children and families, population, demographics, state and local economic forecasts and more. Recent additions to the BBER website include:

- A new search tool that organizes BBER's complete archive of research publications by category;
- Information on the bureau's new Natural Resources and Energy Research Program;
- An expanded forest-industry research section including time series data on quarterly log prices and a new interactive tool allowing users to access timber harvest data at the county- and ownership-level for five Western states;
- Updated analysis of Montana's health care industry, with in-depth coverage of Medicaid expansion, the uninsured and the Affordable Care Act;
- Survey research case studies covering BBER's best practices in scientific data collection using phone, mail and web-based tools.

Along with access to the bureau's historic data and reports, the BBER website offers continuous updates on current research, recent surveys and economic news. The site also allows visitors to listen to the Montana Economic Minute daily podcast, subscribe to the Montana Business Quarterly, correspond with BBER employees and register for the Montana Economic Outlook seminars and other events.

BBER's website development team included Communications Director Shannon Furniss, Programmer and Database Administrator Bob Campbell, Marketing Director Christina Henderson, Web Designer Jonathan Nelson, Graphic Designer Billie Loewen, Publication Assistants Nate Hegyi and Deborah Schmaus, Forest Products Research Assistant Chelsea McIver and student employees Aidan Dowling, Sara Thane and Perri Taylor.

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UM NEWS

October 22, 2013

MISSOULA – How will Montana’s changing climate impact businesses across the state? “Montana Journal: Climate Changing Business” asks that question when it premieres on MontanaPBS at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

University of Montana School of Journalism students crossed the state to see how rising temperatures might affect Montana residents. They see the impact to a family-run Miles City vineyard and how those same warming temperatures influence a Big Timber farmer growing corn seeds. They meet a Bozeman entrepreneur who found a creative use for beetle-killed pine trees and follow Missoula fishing guides who have adjusted their business model to the changing conditions. They also profile a Bozeman construction company and how its green building practices work with the climate.

This episode of “Montana Journal” is part of Climate Week, a Montana Public Media series that began Oct. 20. The series features special programming from Montana Public Radio and MontanaPBS, with contributions from UM School of Journalism students.

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UM NEWS



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October 22, 2013

MISSOULA – Santee Ross, a University of Montana student majoring in Resource conservation and journalism, recently was accepted into the Society of American Foresters Diversity Ambassador’s program. This recognition covers her expenses to attend the society’s annual convention in South Carolina this October.

Ross, a Santee Sioux and Hopi from Lander, Wyo., is excited for the opportunity to meet current forest managers and learn more about the profession.

“I would like to bring a different ethnic and cultural perspective to the convention,” she said.

As a diversity ambassador for SAF, she looks forward to focusing more SAF student chapter meetings for Native Americans.

The Society of American Foresters, founded in 1900, represents the forestry profession. Among other activities, it provides accreditation of forestry programs at universities and colleges in the U.S. including the UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation.

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UM NEWS



October 21, 2013

MISSOULA – In these highly divisive times, is it even possible for two Montanans who disagree on climate change to have a civil conversation about it?

MontanaPBS's new documentary, "Degrees of Difference," explores the ways we communicate on a difficult topic and suggests that the keys to a productive discussion are rooted in respect and friendship. The documentary will premiere at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, on MontanaPBS stations statewide.

"Degrees of Difference" features two sets of friends who agreed to put their disagreements in the public eye and allow cameras to capture their frank conversations. The result is a very personal look at a controversial and politicized topic.

Financial adviser and rancher Curt Almy and high school science teacher Morgan Pett start out the show with a conversation at a diner in Miles City. Teachers Holly Fretwell and Kari Oelkers finish out the program with a kitchen-table discussion in Bozeman.

The participants all believed it was time for the two sides to communicate better on a topic of such importance. Pett thought chatting with a friend from the other side of the fence would be a good way to get people talking again.

"It's going to be a really interesting conversation," Pett said. "I'm interested to know what he has to say and what the dynamics of a conversation like this will be."

Nevertheless, it took some convincing to get the four to discuss their degrees of difference, on camera.

"I think people are afraid to have the conversation," Fretwell said. "I'm afraid to have the conversation with many people because I don't want to put people off."

Before his on-camera discussion, Almy confessed, "It makes me uncomfortable, but I think it's worthwhile, so that's why I agreed to do it."

It's the same reason Oelkers gave for deciding to participate in the program. "I think dialogue in general is sort of lost in society anymore," she said. "At least good, productive dialogue is hard to come by. And so if we can sit down and do it, maybe anybody can."

After each discussion, UM communications Associate Professor Steve Schwarze and Climate Change Studies Program coordinator Nicky Phear add context and depth with their analysis.

"Degrees of Difference" was co-produced by Emmy Award-winning producers John Twiggs and Anna Rau of MontanaPBS at the University of Montana and is part of the Montana Public Media series "Climate Week," which features television and radio documentaries, interviews and news stories about the changing climate from MontanaPBS, Montana Public Radio and the UM School of Journalism.

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October 17, 2013

MISSOULA – Student members of the Society of American Foresters club at the University of Montana will lead a tour of city land in Marshall Canyon from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 21. Students took on management of the 21-acre site as a club project and are implementing management and restoration activities. Participants will meet at the corner of Highway 200 and Marshall Canyon Road at 8:30 a.m. to join the tour.

Students, led by club president George Gaines, are producing a management plan and silvicultural prescriptions, and will work with the city to implement those treatments this fall or next spring.

The tour will introduce attendees to the management objectives and restoration activities at the site, and highlight UM's collaborative partnership with the city of Missoula. This activity is part of Montana's Forest Products Week.

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UM NEWS



October 16, 2013

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana is home to an impressive Archives & Special Collections department, which it currently is celebrating as part of American Archives Month.

American Archives Month is a collaborative effort by professional organizations and repositories around the nation to highlight the importance of records of enduring value. The Mansfield Library has special archival displays located throughout the building and on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24-25, it will host events focused on one of its most interesting and unique resources: the Zine and Small Press Collection. Both events are free and open to the public.

On Thursday, UM Associate Professor of English Prageeta Sharma will deliver a talk and lead a discussion on themes of community, making and sharing in the context of a small-press poetry collective in the late 1990s. The talk will begin at 7 p.m. in the Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room on Level Four. Sharma also will discuss and raise questions about the history of zines and zine-making in the Northwest, along with the contemporary state of zine-making and distribution.

On Friday, Colin Post, a recent graduate of the UM Creative Writing master's program, will lead a workshop that will include a brief lecture on the history of zines and zine-making aesthetics, drawing on examples from the library's collection. Attendees then will be encouraged to participate in the zine-making process by creating pages to be compiled into a zine that will be copied and distributed to the participants. The event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Mansfield Library Archives Teaching Room on Level Four.

Archives & Special Collections at UM documents the history of the region through its unique and valuable manuscript and print holdings. Its collections and resources provide rich opportunities for learning and scholarship to UM faculty and students, Montanans and researchers from around the world. These resources and collections are open to the public.

Visit <http://www.lib.umt.edu/asc> for Archives & Special Collections hours and information and visit <http://www.lib.umt.edu/asc/archivesmonth> for more information on American Archives Month.

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UM NEWS



October 16, 2013

MISSOULA – The Creative Writing Program at the University of Montana is now accepting submissions for the 2014 Merriam-Frontier Award.

The annual writing competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at UM during autumn semester 2013. The award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, and consists of a \$500 prize and publication of the winning entry as a chapbook.

Submissions are limited to one per student and must include a cover page with the title of the manuscript, name, email, phone number and address. All entries must be delivered to Liberal Arts Building Room 133 by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

The manuscripts will be judged by a committee of local writers. A winner will be announced by Feb. 21, 2014, and will be invited to give a public reading.

Entries must be previously unpublished works that qualify in one of the following categories:

- Poetry: 20 to 25 poems
- Fiction: two or more stories (40 to 60 double-spaced pages)
- Creative nonfiction: two or more essays (40 to 60 double-spaced pages)

Frontier, later titled Frontier and Midland, was a distinguished quarterly journal founded and edited by Merriam and published at UM from 1920 to 1939. Contributors included then-emerging talents Wallace Stegner, A.B. Guthrie Jr., William Saroyan, Dorothy Johnson, John Mason Brown, Weldon Kees, Thomas McGrath and many others. A particular strength of the journal was its frequent publication of work by young authors, a tradition the Merriam-Frontier Award honors and continues.

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UM NEWS



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October 16, 2013

MISSOULA – China’s rapid development has a significant impact on the U.S. economy and U.S. global relationships. To bring the conversation to Missoula, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will sponsor the seventh annual “CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections,” featuring former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright by live webcast and on-site guest speaker Robert A. Kapp, president of Robert A. Kapp & Associates and former president of the U.S.-China Business Council.

The program begins at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, in Todd Building Room 203 at the University of Montana, and it’s free and open to the public.

Despite China’s great gains in the past few decades, it still faces economic and political challenges. Albright will discuss U.S.-China relations, responding to questions from audience members at nationwide venues, including Missoula. Immediately following in an on-site discussion, Kapp will address the economic challenges confronting China, with a focus on the future of the Xi Jinping regime.

In 1997, Albright was named the 64th – and first female – secretary of state of the United States. Before that appointment, Albright served as the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations for four years and was a member of the president’s Cabinet. Kapp served as president of the U.S.-China Business Council for 10 years. He has been a leader in sustaining strong, respectful relations between the two nations through congressional testimony, articles and media appearances.

“CHINA Town Hall” is a national day of programming on China involving 60 cities throughout the United States. The event is co-sponsored by the Mansfield Center, UM’s School of Extended and Lifelong Learning and the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

RSVP by calling 406-243-2988 or emailing caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>.

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UM NEWS



October 16, 2013

MISSOULA – The Fallen Soldier Memorial at the University of Montana is a solemn reminder of those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The memorial, bearing the names of Montana soldiers who lost their lives in the recent wars, will be recognized as the official State Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans' Memorial on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The dedication ceremony will take place 30 minutes after the home Grizzly football game concludes. The Oct. 26 game against Eastern Washington University officially is the military appreciation game, when Griz Nation will honor members of the armed services before and during the game.

Members of the public are invited to attend the outdoor dedication ceremony, which will take place at the monument, located along historic Memorial Row on the northeast side of campus, across from the tennis courts.

"This dedication is a wonderful opportunity to take a few minutes after the Griz game and pay tribute to our 43 Montana servicemen who have made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan," said David Bell, co-founder of Grateful Nation Montana, which led efforts to create the monument on campus. "What a great way for parents to expose their kids to the service and sacrifice made for our country by our men and women in uniform."

In its last session, the Montana Legislature passed House Bill 351, extending the state designation to the memorial, without a single opposing vote. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock signed the bill into law on April 8. Bullock and Maj. Gen. Matthew Quinn, Montana adjutant general, will speak at the dedication.

"While this memorial specifically recognizes those who lost their lives, it also honors all military personnel who served in Iraq and Afghanistan," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "We couldn't be more proud to host this monument on our campus as a gesture of respect to all veterans and their families."

The Fallen Soldier Memorial features five larger-than-life bronze statues surrounded by granite tablets recessed in the ground. The tablets are inscribed with the name, branch, rank, years lived and Montana hometowns of each fallen soldier. The monument was installed at UM in 2011 and initially dedicated on Nov. 4, 2011.

Grateful Nation Montana was formed in 2007 to facilitate college educations for the children of Montana soldiers killed in active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. It is a Montana University System Board of Regents sanctioned program led by UM.

For more information about the event, call Erika Palmer, UM trademarks and licensing director, at 406-243-2317, email erika.palmer@mso.umt.edu or visit <http://www.gratefulnationmontana.com>.

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UM NEWS



October 16, 2013

MISSOULA – The government shutdown has continued to the point that student veterans attending the nation's colleges may be affected. The University of Montana has taken several steps to do what it can for its 562 veterans and their designated dependents who may experience disruption of educational benefit payments.

"It's unfortunate this impasse at the federal level may affect our veteran students, who served their country faithfully and well and now want to use their educational benefits," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "We have taken several steps to lessen any impacts."

The University will:

- * Waive incurred interest and release holds associated with the shutdown during fall semester 2013 for those with delayed veteran benefits.
- * Allow veterans and their dependents to register for classes without any restrictions.
- * Dedicate three UM Business Services staff members to help students with veterans benefits finalize their spring registration, schedule bills or resolve any other issues. Call 406-243-2223 for more information.
- * Give veterans and their dependents a letter from the University that asks landlords, childcare providers and other creditors to be understanding of late payments in this difficult time.
- * Provide financial literacy counseling and assist with exploring additional funding sources through the Office for Student Success. Call 406-243-2835 for more information.
- * Continue offering support and counseling from the Veterans Education and Transition Services (VETS) Office. Call 406-243-2744 for more information.

In addition, the Associated Students of UM Senate approved a short-term plan to offer student veterans and service members one-time \$500 loans. The loans are for 60 days with no interest. All eligible UM veterans and their dependents may access the funds, including freshmen, ROTC and National Guard students. Call 406-243-2451 for more information.

"Our ultimate goal is to help veterans and their family members stay at the University so they can become successful in their studies," Engstrom said.

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UM NEWS



October 15, 2013

MISSOULA – The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana will present "The Plastic Whale Project" from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. The public art piece will be viewable on the stage of the George and Jane Dennison Theatre for one afternoon only.

"We don't often have a chance to see a whale in any form in Montana, and this is a one-of-a-kind imaginative work we think Missoulians will appreciate very much," said MMAC Director Barbara Koostra. "It has everything to do with treasuring and being good stewards of the natural world around us, and in Montana that's one of our driving forces."

National television programming will cover the event and will feature the artwork and the MMAC on a future program.

The artwork is a 32-foot-long gray whale made of reclaimed plastic bags and other plastic trash. It was created by 900 youth and adults in Thurston County, Washington, as part of an education and outreach project about plastic bags. The primary goal of the project is to have a creative way to engage the public in learning about plastics in our environment, to educate them about other options and to reduce the use of plastic bags.

The skin of the whale is made out of 9,000 plastic bags that were braided together by students at 15 different elementary schools. Middle school students formed the 6,000 feet of plastic braids into a mat, similar to a rag rug, to make the skin. The whale's skin shows a map of the Pacific Ocean and the Great Pacific Gyre – now known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Ocean currents pull trash from America and Asia into the center of the Pacific Ocean. Mammals, birds and fish mistake the plastic for food. The map of the gyre is centered over the whale's stomach, symbolizing the plastic stuck in the stomachs of marine animals.

The skeleton of the gray whale was created by art students at Tumwater High School and is visible on the whale's right side. It was made out of disposable plastic forks and cups that are used in many school cafeterias, milk jugs and plastic foam. The design and outreach for the project was completed in fall 2012. The plastics presentations and whale building workshops took place between January and April 2013. The whale has appeared in parades and celebrations in Washington.

In April 2010, a gray whale washed up on shore in West Seattle. Scientists found about 30 plastic bags and other plastic trash in its stomach. This event inspired the creation of the whale that is visiting UM this week.

For more information call the MMAC at 406-243-2019 or visit the museum's website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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Note to media: Digital images of the whale are available. To request copies, call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



October 14, 2013

MISSOULA – Montana Public Media partners take up the topic of climate change in a special week of programming starting Sunday, Oct. 20.

In a variety of local and nationally produced radio and television programs, Montana Public Radio, MontanaPBS and students from the University of Montana School of Journalism will use Climate Change Week to explore the science, the social and economic impacts and the skepticism that can cause friction between friends.

The schedule of MontanaPBS programs is:

- **6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20:** "Montana Ag Live" will look at climate change and how it may affect agriculture with Greg Pederson, research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey located at the Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center. The segment will repeat at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.
- **8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21:** "Energy Quest USA – Earth: The Operator's Manual" looks at U.S. states and cities that are tapping new sources of energy and promoting sustainability.
- **9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22:** "Frontline: Climate of Doubt" goes inside organizations that fought to redefine the politics of global warming. Repeats at noon Wednesday, Oct. 23.
- **Noon and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24:** In "Degrees of Difference," two sets of friends across Montana try to get past the controversy of climate change and have a productive conversation. The show will repeat again at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.
- **12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24:** "Montana Journal: Climate Changing Business" looks at the positive and negative impacts of a changing climate on everything from fishing guides to firefighters to farmers in Montana. How are businesses across the state coping with the differences? Produced by UM journalism students. Repeats at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.
- **Throughout the week,** UM photojournalism students will present one-minute stories that examine climate impacts on plants, animals and habitat, and how the latest scientific research highlights Montana's evolving ecosystem.

The Montana Public Radio schedule is:

- **5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Oct. 21-25:** "Montana Evening Edition" will provide an overview of the scientific and social implications of climate change, followed by in-depth reports on specific impacts on Montana's agriculture, fisheries, wildlife and water.
- **7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21:** "Game Changer" tells how extreme weather events, and the costs of cleaning them up, are starting to forge some common ground among Democrats and Republicans. Two former governors, two national strategists and the United Nations top climate negotiator will talk power and politics.
- **7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23:** In "New Wildfire Dangers" a local panel of wildfire experts and wildfire incident personnel will discuss what should be the policy – and individual – response to Montana's intensifying wildfire seasons.
- **1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24:** "BURN: An Energy Journal" explores sea-level rise in South Florida, along the Louisiana/Texas Gulf Coast, in New York City and in Greenland.
- **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24:** A special hour-long version of "The Write Question" features interviews with Doug Peacock, author of "In the Shadow of the Sabertooth," and Christopher White, author of "The Melting World: A Journey Across America's Vanishing Glaciers."

Also during Climate Change Week, the MTPR website (<http://www.mtpr.org>) will feature "Backstory" which considers the history of American anxieties about the environment. Historian Bill Cronon weighs in on when "nature" became a thing to protect and not to fear.

Montana Public Media is a collaborative effort of Montana Public Radio, MontanaPBS and the UM School of Journalism. Select programs are supported by the Greater Montana Foundation, encouraging communication on issues of importance to present and future generations of Montanans.

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UM NEWS



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October 11, 2013

MISSOULA – A University of Montana class, Engaging Social Responsibility through Philanthropy, will grant a total of \$10,000 to local nonprofits this semester.

The grants will benefit local nonprofits and enhance the Missoula community. The class focuses on giving the monetary donations to nonprofits that operate within Missoula County and combat youth hunger or youth depression.

Local nonprofits that fit the criteria are welcome to apply by Nov. 5. The forms can be found online at <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/LearningbyGiving.htm>.

The philanthropy class at UM teaches students about social responsibility and community building to address and resolve social issues. Students study the role of philanthropy and giving strategies to meet local needs. The class, which receives funding from the Learning by Giving Foundation, engages students in a philanthropic experience, allowing them to review applications and disperse grants.

For more information call Andrea Vernon, director of UM's Office for Civic Engagement, at 406-243-5159 or email andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



October 11, 2013

MISSOULA – The MOLLI program at the University of Montana is thriving. This fall there are nearly 800 individuals registered for courses, an all-time enrollment high. MOLLI membership also has grown to 637 members since the start of the fall term on Oct. 3.

MOLLI is one of many Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes across the county. The program is a resource for adults aged 50 and older who enjoy having a relationship with UM, connecting with others and learning for learning's sake. MOLLI courses are noncredit and without the pressure of grades or tests.

Courses are offered during three, six-week terms: fall, winter and spring. This fall, 23 different courses are offered. They are academic in nature and traditionally taught by UM faculty, emeritus faculty and professionals from the community. Students can choose subject matter ranging from "Contemporary Issues in International Human Rights" to "Walking through Missoula's History" and everything in between.

MOLLI is a membership organization, with annual memberships costing \$20. Each class costs \$60, with a discount for those individuals taking multiple classes within the same term.

"We try to keep it affordable and accessible to everyone," said Roger Maclean, the dean of UM's School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, which facilitates and houses the MOLLI program. "It really is a community program."

Hal Stearns, a long-standing MOLLI instructor, generally teaches Montana history courses. He earned his master's in history and doctorate in education from UM. He spent many years as a history teacher at Missoula's Sentinel High School and later at UM. He said the biggest difference in teaching MOLLI classes and graduate students is the more relaxed atmosphere that comes from people being there just for the joy of learning.

"With MOLLI students, every student is interested and attentive, because they chose that specific subject," Stearns said.

MOLLI's winter term starts Jan. 23, with registration beginning Dec. 9. MOLLI's annual fundraising campaign begins Oct. 31 for those interested in helping sustain this valuable community resource.

For more information, call Beth Burman Frazee at 406-243-6721, email beth.burman-frazee@umontana.edu or visit <http://www.umt.edu/molli>.

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UM NEWS



October 10, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana President Royce Engstrom heads to Helena, Dillon and Butte as part of the "We are Montana" tour of the state. Engstrom and other senior UM leaders will travel to the three Montana cities Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 14-16, to visit UM's affiliate campuses and listen to viewpoints about how to improve higher education in Montana.

"I always enjoy the opportunity to visit this area and our affiliate campuses, to strengthen our connections to educators, residents and alumni," Engstrom said. "I'm also looking forward to sharing the stories of our students, faculty and alumni."

The second leg of the tour travels to Helena first, then Dillon and concludes in Butte. In each town, the University and its institutional partner will host a community event that is free and open to the public. The community event schedule follows:

- **Helena:** 5-6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Helena College Student Center
- **Dillon:** 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, University of Montana-Western Roe House Board Room
- **Butte:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, Montana Tech of UM, University Relations Center, Bob & Pauline Poore Room

The events will offer community members a chance to meet with Engstrom, connect with alumni and friends and learn more about UM. Door prizes and light refreshments will be offered.

Other planned highlights from the UM tour include:

- Visit to Helena College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14
- Visit to Helena High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14
- Visit to Capital High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14
- Visit to University of Montana-Western from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15
- Visit to Beaverhead County High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15
- Visit to Montana Tech UM from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16

Eastern Montana marked the first stop on the president's "We are Montana" tour. He is scheduled to visit 10 additional cities across Montana through the fall, winter and spring, traveling a total of 3,500 miles.

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Note to the media: Members of the media are invited to attend the community events, and interviews with Engstrom may be arranged in advance by calling Rebecca Power, assistant to the president, at 406-243-2311 or by emailing rebecca.power@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



October 09, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana students can boost their resume and enhance their leadership skills during the 2013 Student Leadership Conference at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, on the University Center Third Floor.

The theme of this year's conference is "Crossroads: What is Your Destination?" It will focus on how to choose from options at the "intersection" of life, how to be a change-maker and how to deal with definitive turning points in life. The conference includes a keynote speech, workshops and resources to build self-confidence, increase self-awareness and teach skills students will carry into their future careers.

Keynote speaker Jonathon Sprinkles is a TV personality, featured columnist and author of 10 books. His tips on connecting in business and in relationships have been featured by ABC, Fox News, Glamour and USA Today.

The conference costs \$5, which students can pay in advance at The Source in the UC or at the registration table the day of the conference. For more information and to register online for the conference, visit <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/SIN/leadership/conference/>.

The Student Leadership Conference is presented by the UC Student Involvement Network's GrizLead Emerging Leaders Program. For more information call UM Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Involvement Julie Bryant at 406-243-2005 or email julie.bryant@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS

October 09, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana recently was ranked in the top 300 universities worldwide, but one factor of that ranking stands out: UM is in the top 25 percent of universities for the scholarly accomplishments of its faculty.

In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, UM scored a 74.6 for citations of research and creative scholarship. Last year, UM scored a 72.1 in that area and was ranked in the top 28 percent of universities worldwide.

“A high ranking of the number of citations of UM faculty research and creative scholarship – and that the ranking is improving – is particularly noteworthy,” said Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and creative scholarship. “The citation index confirms that our faculty members and researchers present results of the highest quality on topics of vital interest to the scientific and broader community.”

UM’s overall ranking in the report falls in the 276-300 section. The university’s score is determined by data on teaching, international outlook, industry income, research and citations. View the breakdown of UM’s ranking at <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2013-14/world-ranking/institution/university-of-montana>.

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UM NEWS



October 09, 2013

MISSOULA – Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tamara Jones will deliver the University of Montana School of Journalism's annual T. Anthony Pollner Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the University Center Theater.

Jones, the 2013 Pollner Distinguished Professor, will present "The Intimacy of Violence." Her lecture will focus on the personal and social impacts of violence in America based on her coverage of a range of stories such as teenagers who commit violent acts for a thrill, the Oklahoma City bombing and shootings in an Amish schoolhouse.

Jones has explored the psychological landscape of tragedy across America as a national feature writer for the Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post. She shares a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for The Washington Post's coverage of the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech.

"I've spent my adult life bearing witness to tragedy and interviewing victims, survivors, witnesses and experts," Jones said. "It would be easy to dismiss America's fascination with these stories as morbid curiosity or even a form of survivor's guilt, but what I've found goes deeper than that."

She currently is a ghostwriter and wrote The New York Times bestselling memoir of Stephanie Madoff Mack, "The End of Normal." Her work also has appeared in national magazines such as Good Housekeeping, MORE and The Reader's Digest. This year, Jones serves as the 13th T. Anthony Pollner Professor in the UM School of Journalism.

The professorship was created in 2001 in memory of Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism alumnus who died two years after his graduation. A distinguished journalist is in residence at the school each autumn semester, teaching a special-topics course, advising the Montana Kaimin student newspaper and delivering the annual Pollner lecture.

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UM NEWS



October 09, 2013

MISSOULA – The College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana will host a panel discussion on the future of forest management with land managers and practitioners on Monday, Oct. 21.

The panel will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Interdisciplinary Sciences Building Room 110. Refreshments will be provided, and the event is free and open to the public.

The discussion, part of Montana’s Forest Products Week, brings the U.S. Forest Service, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and private timber operators to campus.

They’ll offer perspectives on how forest management activities have changed, the challenges their organization face and the skills a future forest manager needs to succeed.

Confirmed speakers are Jim Burchfield, panel moderator and UM forestry college dean; Jane Cottrell, deputy regional forester of the U.S. Forest Service (or representative); Jim Durglo, CSKT head of forestry; Gary Ellingson, forester for Northwest Management Inc.; Craig Rawlings, CEO of Forest Business Network; Gordy Sanders of Pyramid Mountain Lumber; Bob Harrington, Montana’s state forester at the DNRC; and Jake Watts, a recent UM forestry college graduate and working forester.

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UM NEWS



October 09, 2013

MISSOULA – In celebration of the fourth annual National Fossil Day, the University of Montana Paleontology Center will host free events from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, including tours, fossil identification and kids' activities.

The UMPC collections represent the ancient heritage of Montana and western North America. There are more than 100,000 vertebrate, invertebrate and plant specimens in the research collection, which was started in 1898.

The public is invited to the following events:

- **4-5 p.m.:** Lecture by Dave Trexler, head paleontologist of the Two Medicine Dinosaur Center in Bynum and author of "Becoming Dinosaurs: A Prehistoric Perspective on Climate Change Today," Charles H. Clapp Building Room 131.
- **5 p.m.:** Kids' activities for children under age 12, fossil identification, summer field season information and tours. Various locations, check in at the welcome tables in the atrium outside CHCB Room 131.
- **5:30-6 p.m.:** Official welcome, CHCB Room 131.
- **6:15-6:50 p.m.:** First showing of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's short film "The Day the Mesozoic Died," CHCB Room 131.
- **7:15 p.m.:** Second showing of "The Day the Mesozoic Died," CHCB Room 131.

This is the only night each year the public can see the research collection, according to UMPC Collections Manager Kallie Moore. People also are encouraged to bring their own specimens to the event.

"If people have rocks or fossils they would like identified, this would be a really great night to do it," Moore said.

For more information call Moore at 406-243-5151, email kallie.moore@mso.umt.edu or visit <http://cas.umt.edu/paleontology/default.htm>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: If you are interested in taking photos at the event, call or email Moore in advance.

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UM NEWS



October 08, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana doctoral candidate Ryan Bracewell recently was appointed a predoctoral fellowship through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Food Research Initiative. The fellowship recognized Bracewell's research on a bark beetle and fungal symbiosis with a \$77,000 award.

Bracewell examines how the western pine beetle interacts with two mutualistic fungi critical to the beetle's success and survival. He uses next-generation DNA sequencing technology to conduct geographically comprehensive and genomically extensive analyses of the beetle and fungi. His results will lead to a more complete understanding of the evolutionary history and current genetic structure of these organisms and will help managers counter the pine beetle's impact on ponderosa pine.

Bracewell studies under UM College of Forestry and Conservation Professor Diana Six and also is mentored by UM Division of Biological Sciences Professor Jeff Good.

Bracewell grew up in Colorado. He earned a bachelor's degree in entomology from Colorado State University and a master's in ecology from Utah State University, where he studied the evolution of reproductive isolation in the Mountain pine beetle.

The USDA AFRI at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture funds research, education and more. Their efforts aim to address key problems facing ranching, renewable energy, forestry, aquaculture and other systems. In 2013, nearly \$6 million will support research, education and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. The fellowship program works to develop the technical and functional competence of predoctoral students.

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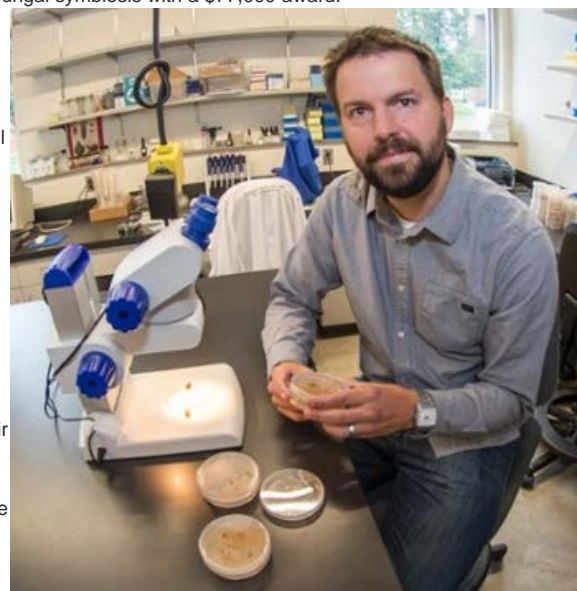
Photo Credit: Bracewell in his UM laboratory.

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UM NEWS



October 08, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Allies program planning team has scheduled training from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. The free training is open to UM faculty, staff and administrators.

UM Allies promotes a campus environment that is inclusive and supportive of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The program identifies and nurtures safe people and spaces for LGBTIQ campus members by having “out” allies, creates visible support for the LGBTIQ community with stickers and a website, develops opportunities for heterosexual and gender-conforming allies to help broadly promote awareness of diversity issues on campus, and recruits and trains new allies to reach vulnerable community members.

By fostering opportunities for heterosexual and non-gender-conforming allies to work together for LGBTIQ equality through education and awareness, the group aims to nurture visible support and a safe space for all campus members.

For more information, visit the UM Allies website at <http://www.umt.edu/umallies>. To sign up for the training, email Adrienne Donald at adonald@mso.umt.edu or call 406-243-6029.

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UM NEWS



October 08, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana's Irish Studies Program and School of Music join with Humanities Montana, the Friends of Irish Studies and Culture Ireland to present an Irish bouzouki concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct.17, in UM's Music Recital Hall. The concert is part of a five-concert series which aims to examine Irish music. Each concert in the series will be performed in Missoula and Butte.

This concert features Roger Landes and celebrates the bouzouki in Irish music. He will play first in Missoula and again in Butte at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Montana Tech Library Auditorium.

"Landes was chosen to perform because he represents many different ethnic groups that have succumbed to the allure of Irish music and have placed their own stamp upon it," said Traolach O'Riordain, director of UM's Irish Studies Program.

Landes began playing the bouzouki in 1981 and quickly set out to learn Irish tunes, playing tenor banjo, mandolin, bodhran and uilleann pipes. He also co-founded the popular Celtic band Scartaglen. When that group disbanded after a decade of playing together, he concentrated on exploring the melodic capabilities of the bouzouki. His critically acclaimed CD, "Dragon Reels," is the result of his work mastering the intricacies of traditional Irish music.

Describing Landes' contribution to Irish music in general and his playing the bouzouki in particular, Celtic Heritage Magazine wrote, "Not only is Landes helping to legitimize the instrument – he is taking it to a whole new level."

Tickets cost \$20 for the general public; \$15 for students and Friends of Irish Studies members; and children under 12 get in free. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.umt.edu/griztix/> and <http://www.friendsofirishestudies.com/>. Tickets for the Missoula concert can be purchased at the UM Adams Center, The Source in the University Center, the UM School of Music, Southgate Mall and at Rockin Rudy's. Tickets for the Butte concert can be purchased at the Butte-Silver Bow Archives, Cavanaugh's County Celtic and Granite Mountain Bank.

For more information visit <http://www.friendsofirishestudies.com/>, call O'Riordain at 406-544-0311 or email traolach.oriordain@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



October 07, 2013

MISSOULA – Custom doors, cheese, rifles, spirits and chocolates are the subject of a University of Montana student-produced television program that features Montana businesses. “Business: Made in Montana” celebrates 20 years on the air with profiles of companies that create products in Big Sky Country and do business around the state, the country and the world.

“Business: Made In Montana” will air at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and will repeat at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, on MontanaPBS.

This episode introduces Montana-based businesses including Montana Passage Company in Manhattan, Lifeline Farms in Victor, Snowy Mountain Rifle Company in Missoula, Montgomery Distillery in Missoula and the Montana Chocolate Company in Stevensville. Senior journalism student Mackenzie Lee hosts the program.

UM School of Journalism and Department of Radio-TV students produced the anniversary program during spring semester 2013. In 20 years, more than 180 businesses have been featured on the program.

MontanaPBS is comprised of KUFM-TV in Missoula and KUSM-TV in Bozeman and is a service of the University of Montana and Montana State University.

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Photo cutline: UM journalism senior Mackenzie Lee hosts “Business: Made in Montana”

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Local, Bozeman-area media

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UM NEWS



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October 04, 2013

MISSOULA – Poet, professor and author Major Jackson will offer his insights during a lecture and a reading Friday, Oct. 18, at the University of Montana. Both events are free and open to the public.

Jackson, the Richard Dennis Green and Gold Professor at the University of Vermont, will present a craft lecture from noon to 1 p.m. in Liberal Arts Building Room 11. He then will read from his work at 7 p.m. in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

His visit is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program as part of its President’s Reading Series.

Jackson is the author of three poetry collections, “Holding Company,” “Hoops” and “Leaving Saturn.” The first two volumes both were finalists for the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literature-Poetry, while “Leaving Saturn” won the 2001 Cave Canem Poetry Prize and was a finalist for a National Book Critics Award Circle.

He also received the Whiting Writers’ Award and has been honored by the Pew Fellowship in the Arts and the Witter Bynner Foundation in conjunction with the Library of Congress.

In addition, Jackson is a core faculty member of the Bennington Writing Seminars. He served as a creative arts fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, served as the Jack Kerouac Writer-in-Residence at University of Massachusetts-Lowell and currently is the poetry editor of the Harvard Review.

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Western Montana

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UM NEWS



October 04, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana's Fire Program, based in the College of Forestry and Conservation, is now certified by the Association for Fire Ecology.

AFE's certification recognizes the national impact of UM's academic programs in wildland fire sciences and management, which include a minor in fire sciences, a major in resource conservation and graduate degrees in forestry and resource conservation. UM's fire degrees combine rigorous academic coursework with innovative field experiences to train the next generation of fire professionals.

UM was among seven academic programs certified by AFE in 2013. The association developed the certification to recognize academic programs that prepare future fire professionals. Students who graduate from an AFE-certified program have expedited application access to certification as an AFE professional wildland fire managers and ecologists.

UM's Fire Program is rooted in a long history of fire management education and outreach. It recently diversified to incorporate new field learning opportunities for students. For example, in the Prescribed Fire Practicum, eight to 10 students to work with faculty and land managers to restore fire to forests in the southeastern U.S. Through field-based interactions with students, UM faculty member and practicum instructor Carl Seielstad identified a need for new coursework and professional development opportunities for student firefighters.

"Student firefighters are a unique population," Seielstad said. "They're working hard all summer and into the fall to fight fire and advance their firefighting careers. During the school year they have to turn attention to a new set of requirements. Our goal is to help them balance the two – to gain the education, experience and practical skills that will enable them to become high-performing fire managers who can fix what's broken."

UM's fire sciences minor was added to the College of Forestry and Conservation's academic offerings in 2011. Students can add the minor to any of the college's five academic majors, or earn a Bachelor of Science in resource conservation with a wildland fire management emphasis.

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UM NEWS



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October 04, 2013

MISSOULA – For the second year in a row, the University of Montana School of Law has been named a “Best Value Law School” by National Jurist Magazine.

UM comes in at No. 17 on the national list, which appears in the magazine's October 2013 edition. The article is online at <http://bit.ly/1bnDCZR>.

The ranking takes into account the cost, debt load, bar passage and employment of graduates in actual law jobs. The UM School of Law emphasizes a skill-based curriculum, and the success is evident as UM alumni enter the workforce.

“Our school is a national leader in innovative legal education,” law Dean Irma Russell said. “Missoula and Montana provide a lower cost of living, and then we add great learning experiences such as our first-year law firm program, which divides the class into fictional law firms of six students that provide learning laboratories that meet weekly to practice their professional skills.”

The National Jurist recognition takes into account 90 percent bar passage rate for UM law students in 2012, 74.7 percent employment rate after graduation, 2013-14 yearly tuition and fees of \$11,104 for resident students and relatively low \$14,790 cost of living.

“Once again, we are encouraged by the wonderful recognition shown to our school of law,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “This shows a high-value legal education with relatively low costs is available right here in the mountains of western Montana.”

UM is directly mentioned in a section of the article about cost of living and how several schools promote their remote settings as advantages.

“The (UM) School of Law – at \$14,790 yearly – is one of four schools among the top 20 coming in with a cost of living less than \$15,000 per year,” the article states. “Based in Missoula, it highlights its scenic location and lower-stress vibe.”

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Wildlife Biology Program recently appointed an interim director and a new student adviser. Winsor Lowe will lead the program for the next two years, and Darr Tucknott joins the staff as student adviser.

The Wildlife Biology Program was named one of UM’s Program of National Distinction earlier this year.

Lowe, a professor in the program for eight years, replaces Dan Pletscher, who retired in June after directing the program for 19 years. Lowe’s research and teaching focus on the large-scale ecology of streams and rivers. He was honored in 2006, 2009 and 2013 by UM for his excellence in teaching and research.

“I’m honored to lead the Wildlife Biology Program for the next two years – one of UM’s most successful academic degrees,” Lowe said. “Our enrollment continues to grow, and our faculty and graduate student research is internationally recognized. I will maintain our focus on undergraduate training, research and collaboration with wildlife managers here in Montana and throughout the world.”

Tucknott coordinated Athletic Academic Advising at UM for five years. She received the New Adviser Award from the National Academic Advising Association and the Student Affairs Collaboration Award from UM. She will assist wildlife biology students with curriculum advising, retention and job placement.

“We hired Darr to help our growing number of undergraduate students through the academic program in four years, and prepare our students for work and graduate school when they’re done,” Lowe said. “She’ll give wildlife students the tools they need to chart the best course for themselves and go on to great things after their time at UM. We’re thrilled to offer our students such an exceptional level of one-on-one advising.”

Wildlife Biology is a joint program of the College of Forestry and Conservation, the Division of Biological Sciences and the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit.

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MISSOULA – The Associated Students of the University of Montana Neighborhood Ambassadors’ Sunday Sweepers series is underway with its second of five neighborhood cleanups taking place Sunday, Oct. 6.

Now in its second year, the Sunday Sweepers program puts students to work cleaning up the streets in the neighborhoods surrounding campus after each Grizzly home football game. The ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors team up with various ASUM student groups, who sign up to “adopt” a section of the neighborhood. Members of the student group work together with the ambassadors to clean up trash, rake leaves or shovel snow in exchange for a monetary bonus from ASUM to their group’s account. The program receives funding from ASUM, UM Intercollegiate Athletics and the Office of the President.

Sunday Sweepers began in 2012 as an effort by the Off-Campus Renter Center and ASUM to address the effects of football game celebrations on the University community.

“The program has had a tremendous impact on both the University District neighbors and the student participants who sometimes don’t see the effects that football games and other large University events have on the homes in close proximity to our campus,” said Off-Campus Renter Center Director Katherine Brady.

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MISSOULA – For the second year in a row, the University of Montana has been ranked among the top 300 universities worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

UM is ranked in the 276-300 level of the 2013-14 list – as it was last year – and is the only Montana university on the list.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings are the most comprehensive global rankings of higher education institutions, using 13 performance indicators to examine a university's strengths against its core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The data is collected and analyzed by Thomson Reuters.

"We are proud to again be recognized as among the top 300 universities in the world in this study," said UM President Royce Engstrom. "We know we provide a great educational opportunity, strongly supported by research and outreach in a global context, and it is gratifying to be recognized for doing so."

The full list can be viewed at <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2013-14/world-ranking>. For more information call the UM Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689 or email officeoftheprovost@umontana.edu.

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October 02, 2013

MISSOULA – David Steinberg, Georgetown University’s Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies, will present “Burma: Reforms and Opportunities for the Future in Southeast Asia” at the University of Montana on Thursday, Oct. 10. Sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, the talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in Turner Hall’s Dell Brown Room.

Steinberg is a pre-eminent scholar on Burma-Myanmar. He has written 14 books and monographs and more than 100 articles and book-chapters. His work includes “Burma/Myanmar: What Everyone Needs to Know,” “Turmoil in Burma: Contested Legitimacies in Myanmar” and “Burma: The State of Myanmar.”

“David is one of the pre-eminent scholars on Burma who has written the definitive English-language primer on the country,” said UM Mansfield Center Director Abraham Kim. “Because of his expertise and access, he has been a key adviser to the U.S. government on its recent engagement efforts. As a result, David has fascinating anecdotes to share.”

Following elections in 2010, Burma-Myanmar transitioned away from 60 years of military rule and began civil, political and economic reforms designed to resolve its own internal conflicts, to better protect the human rights of its citizens and to open its long-isolated economy. These reforms have helped spur international interest in a country with both rich natural resources and a developing role in the region as it chairs the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2014.

Steinberg will examine the challenges Burma-Myanmar faces moving forward and the opportunities that these reforms have created for the U.S. and for the international community to engage Burma on economic, cultural, civic and political issues. His talk will be followed by a Q-and-A session with the audience.

RSVP by calling 406-243-2988 or by emailing caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>.

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October 02, 2013

MISSOULA – Andrew Roberts, an internationally renowned expert on Napoleon and World War II, will present a seminar and a lecture Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the University of Montana. Both events are free and open to the public.

Roberts is the Merrill Family Visiting Professor of History at Cornell University. He will present “Churchill, Roosevelt and the Creation of the Allied Grand Strategy” at 3:40 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Then he will present the second annual Swanberg Lecture in Military History, “Why Hitler Lost,” at 8 p.m. in the Dennison Theatre.

A renowned speaker who trained at England’s Cambridge University, Roberts has given talks about the lessons of war across Europe, Asia, Australia and the United States, including the White House.

He is the author of nine books on military history from Napoleon to Hitler. His best-known work, “The Storm of War: A New History of the Second World War,” won the British Army Military Book of the Year Award in 2011 and reached No. 2 on The Sunday Times best-seller list.

Roberts also reviews books for more than a dozen newspapers and periodicals, and his political commentary appears in The Daily Telegraph, The Spectator and numerous magazines.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Homecoming Parade will get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Higgins and Broadway. Parade entries will line up on Broadway, so spectators should plan to be south of Broadway on Higgins for the best viewing.

Parade entries have new staging areas this year:

n All marching bands will line up on West Broadway (west of Higgins) and on Pine Street west of Higgins.

n All remaining entries will line up on East Broadway. Access East Broadway at Madison Street and enter according to your number. Entries numbered 10 to 64 line up from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m., entries numbered 65 to 123 line up from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m., and entries with animals will be directed to a side street for the safety and comfort of the animals.

n The drop-off location for parade participants (both children and adults) is at Washington and Spruce.

For parade lineup numbers and map, visit <http://www.grizalum.com/> and click on Parade Lineup Information.

When exiting the parade, entries numbered 10 to 71 will continue down University Avenue and exit on Helen Avenue. Those numbered 72-123 will exit the parade at Plymouth Street.

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October 02, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana President Royce Engstrom today announced that the East Broadway site will be the location for the new Missoula College building.

Engstrom made his selection after months of public comments, meetings and forums with interested UM students, University employees, elected officials and community members.

"I believe the East Broadway site will give us a distinctive opportunity to make a bold statement about UM and the role two-year education plays in the Missoula community and western Montana," Engstrom said. "We will be able to implement more fully the Missoula College mission to serve the educational and work force needs of this region while placing a state-of-the-art facility in a showcase location near the entrance to Missoula and along the Clark Fork River. This places UM and Missoula College strongly in the public eye," he said.

A feasibility study completed in July outlined plans for a multistory building along with parking and bicycle spaces at the site, which is across the river from the mountain campus and adjacent to UM's MonTEC business incubator. The study showed no major impediments to developing the site and outlined a building with more than 155,000 gross square feet that could handle current and projected enrollment for Missoula College.

Plans also called for creating a total of 730 parking spaces on the site and on property across Broadway. Parking would cover Missoula College, MonTEC and Park-N-Ride users, according to the study conducted by Mark Headley of StudioFORMA Architects.

Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian said Engstrom's decision is important for students, residents, employers and families in Missoula and the region. "It is good to be moving forward," Christian said. "This location is well-suited for a modern college facility that will better serve the region's work force development and educational needs."

Engstrom announced in May he was considering two possible sites for the new Missoula College building: East Broadway and South Campus. "The East Broadway site connects us with the Missoula downtown and business communities," he said. "We also envision business technology, energy technology, computer technology and other programs as having increasingly strong interactions with MonTEC."

Two additional factors weighed in the East Broadway site's favor, Engstrom said. The location meets the fundamental requirement for proximity to the mountain campus, and it is expected that infrastructure costs will be lower.

"The East Broadway site already has much essential infrastructure in place," the president said. "Funding not spent on basic infrastructure will be applied to the new building itself."

Engstrom said the South Campus – home to student housing, the UM Golf Course and athletic fields – remains the location for future University expansion projects under the South Campus Master Plan, approved by the Board of Regents in 2007.

The 2013 Legislature appropriated \$29 million for a Missoula College building, and UM is required to raise a \$3 million match. The existing Missoula College East Campus originally was built for 700 students. This fall, MC enrollment is 2,200.

Engstrom said a traffic study, parking study and an environment assessment will be conducted on the East Broadway site.

Engstrom said he appreciated all the input he received from students, faculty, staff, students, residents and community leaders.

"I wanted to take in all the dialogue and hear all viewpoints," he said. "Now we have a decision, and it's time to move this project forward. The funding of an improved Missoula College is a 100 percent positive development for students, faculty and staff, and we can't wait to show off a new building in a wonderful setting that's so close to our central campus."

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October 01, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will honor five recipients with the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awards during Homecoming this year, and the colleges and schools from which those alumni graduated also will host special afternoon receptions on Friday, Oct. 4.

This year’s distinguished alumni are Dorothy Bridges of Minneapolis, George Dennison of Missoula, Jim Messina of Washington, D.C., Milton Parsons of Denver and Yoko Takeuchi of Tokyo.

The reception schedule is:

- **Bridges and Dennison:** College of Arts and Sciences, 4-5 p.m., Brantly Hall Presidents Room, invitation only.
- **Messina:** School of Journalism, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Don Anderson Hall Second Floor Lobby.
- **Parsons:** College of Forestry and Conservation, 2:45-3:45 p.m., outside the Forestry Building by the high wheels or in Forestry Building Room 102 in case of inclement weather.
- **Takeuchi:** School of Business Administration, 4-5:30 p.m., Gallagher Business Building Gianchetta Piazza.

The receptions for Messina, Parsons and Takeuchi are open to the public, and the reception for Bridges and Dennison is invitation-only. Later the same day, the public also is invited to a panel discussion featuring all five Distinguished Alumni Award recipients at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. An awards ceremony and reception will follow.

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October 01, 2013

MISSOULA – The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation recently awarded University of Montana students a \$15,000 grant to work with Five Valleys Land Trust to restore a 290-acre property at the confluence of Rock Creek and the Clark Fork River.

College of Forestry and Conservation students in UM's Wildland Restoration Program will use the funds to plan and implement restoration at the site, which has been degraded by ranching and development.

Students will conduct an ecological assessment of the property's grassland, riparian and aquatic habitats; initiate restoration activities such as planting native seeds, removing non-native vegetation and planting riparian vegetation to reduce erosion; and train citizen scientists to monitor the project's success.

"The students wrote this grant proposal as their final project for a course in which they apply ecological knowledge to real-world challenges in ecological restoration," said Cara Nelson, director of the UM Wildland Restoration Program. "All students in the restoration major are required to engage in professional activities before receiving their degrees, which makes them highly competitive in the job market and increases their confidence early in their careers as restoration scientists and practitioners."



The grant will pay for supplies and help cover salaries for the students managing the restoration project. UM and Five Valleys Land Trust are contributing in-kind donations and matching funds.

The project, which began with assessment activities during the summer and will continue into late autumn next year, is a partnership between UM, Five Valleys Land Trust and the Missoula Conservation District.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: UM students will conduct a work day at the Rock Creek Confluence property from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Contact Nelson for more information and directions.

PHOTO CUTLINES:

restoration1: UM student Mark Mariano, right, and a community volunteer remove debris from a property at the confluence of Rock Creek and the Clark Fork River.



restoration2: UM student Natasha Boote removes debris from a property at the confluence of Rock Creek and the Clark Fork River. Boote co-wrote a \$15,000 grant which provides support for UM students to work with Five Valleys Land Trust to restore the property.

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October 01, 2013

MISSOULA – This year's University of Montana Homecoming Week wraps up with the annual University Center Homecoming Art Fair. The 2013 art fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct.3-4, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in the UC Atrium.

The art fair will feature unique art, jewelry, clothing, ceramics and more, all of which has been handcrafted by local and regional artists. Along with door prizes generously donated by art fair vendors, the fair also will showcase live music performed by UM students. The event is free and open to the public.

"We invite visitors to partake in this singular shopping experience amid the lush tropical plants and atrium skylights of the University Center," said Gwen Landquist, UC marketing and art manager.

A long-standing tradition in western Montana, the Homecoming Art Fair is one of three student-coordinated art fairs planned annually by the UC. Proceeds from the art fairs provide funding for myriad student-focused programs planned by UC Student Involvement.

To learn more about the Homecoming Art Fair, visit http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/Art_Fairs/default.php; call Landquist at 406-243-5555 or email gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu; or call Sarah Beals, student art fair coordinator, at 406-243-5714 or email ucartfair@mso.umt.edu.

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